

the brothers want today? What they want today is a vote against this Bank, contrary to the needs of the American people. The Koch brothers distributed a survey to the Republican Presidential hopefuls that essentially obligates those candidates to oppose the Ex-Im Bank.

I ask my colleagues today: Are you working for the American people or are you doing the dirty work for a couple of billionaire oil barons? A vote for the Export-Import Bank is a vote for American families. A vote against the repeal of ObamaCare is a vote for American families. Today, the Senate Democrats will vote for American families.

I was hoping to say a word about Senator INHOFE while he was on the floor, and unfortunately he is not here now. The senior Senator from Oklahoma is a very conservative Republican Senator. He and I disagree on a lot of things, but I have great respect for his courage on this legislation. I think this legislation, which we are moving forward on, is far from perfect, but I listened to Senator JIM INHOFE yesterday when he was answering the President. A Republican always follows the President. I think Senator INHOFE did a fine job of explaining how important it is that we have a transportation bill. We have said a lot of nice things about Senator BOXER, but it is time we said some nice things about JIM INHOFE because this bill would not be where it is without his efforts.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 22, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Pending:

McConnell modified amendment No. 2266, in the nature of a substitute.

McConnell (for Kirk) amendment No. 2327 (to amendment No. 2266), to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

McConnell amendment No. 2328 (to amendment No. 2327), to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

McConnell amendment No. 2329 (to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2266), of a perfecting nature.

McConnell amendment No. 2330 (to amendment No. 2329), to change the enactment date.

Cruz motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that Cruz amendment No. 2301 is not in order because it is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the offering of amendments, their number, degree, and kind.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I ask through the Chair if the Democratic leader has a request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, has the bill been reported?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill has been reported.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that before the 3 p.m. vote that Senator BOXER be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes and that Senators WYDEN and MURPHY be permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask if the Democratic leader would modify his request to give me 12 minutes and Senator HATCH 10 minutes following Senators BOXER, WYDEN, and MURPHY.

Mr. REID. Why does the Senator from Tennessee get so much time? But I don't object, Mr. President. Just before the vote.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Just before the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from California.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, someone was speaking with me. What is the order? I get up to 10 minutes; is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has up to 10 minutes.

Mrs. BOXER. I thank the Presiding Officer.

Mr. President, it is Sunday, and it is unusual for us to be here, but as I have said many times, this is the reason we are here. Look at this photo. This is the bridge collapse in California, and there is another report coming that says this is going to be far from the last one we have.

This is a bridge that carries thousands of people a day from California to Arizona. This can happen in any one of our States, and the fact is we need to pass a transportation bill. I am so grateful to my colleague Senator INHOFE and to everyone on that committee who got this started.

The Environment and Public Works Committee had a 20-to-0 vote so we don't have to face this anymore. After that, we had other committees act, just not in as bipartisan a fashion, so it was difficult. At that point, Leader MCCONNELL and Senator DURBIN stepped in with Senator INHOFE and me, and all we did was try to get to where we are right now, which is a place where we can pass a fair funding bill.

I have a list. It is very interesting, and I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### FEDERAL SHARE OF EACH STATE'S CAPITAL OUTLAYS FOR HIGHWAY & BRIDGE PROJECTS

State	Percentage
Rhode Island .....	102
Alaska .....	93
Montana .....	87
Vermont .....	86
South Carolina .....	79
Hawaii .....	79
North Dakota .....	78
Wyoming .....	73
South Dakota .....	71
Connecticut .....	71
New Mexico .....	70
Idaho .....	68
Alabama .....	68
New Hampshire .....	68
Missouri .....	65
Mississippi .....	65
Colorado .....	64
Minnesota .....	64
Oklahoma .....	63
Arkansas .....	62
Georgia .....	62
Tennessee .....	62
West Virginia .....	61
Iowa .....	59
Ohio .....	58
Virginia .....	57
Maine .....	57
Wisconsin .....	55
Oregon .....	54
Indiana .....	54
New York .....	54
District of Columbia .....	52
California .....	49
Nevada .....	49
Arizona .....	49
Nebraska .....	49
Kansas .....	49
Louisiana .....	48
North Carolina .....	48
Maryland .....	48
Texas .....	47
Pennsylvania .....	46
Washington .....	45
Kentucky .....	44
Michigan .....	41
Delaware .....	41
Florida .....	39
Illinois .....	39
Utah .....	38
Massachusetts .....	37
New Jersey .....	35

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, my State counts on the Federal Government for one-half of its transportation funding, highways, and transit. Rhode Island counts on the Federal Government for 100 percent; Alaska, 93 percent; Montana, 87 percent; South Carolina, 79 percent; Hawaii, 79 percent; North Dakota, 78 percent; Wyoming, 73 percent; Connecticut, 71 percent; New Mexico, 70 percent, and it goes down from there, but the vast majority of our States count on the Federal Government for funding.

What we have done, as both Senators REID and MCCONNELL have pointed out, is we just keep patching up the highway trust fund.

I could go to a bank and say: I want to buy a House. The banker says: You have great credit. That's the good news. The bad news is you can only get a 5-month mortgage. What would I do in that case? I would sadly walk away. I can't afford to invest in a home if I have only 5 months of a mortgage. It is the same way with the States. The way the House went about it, and the way some of my colleagues on both sides want to handle it, is another 5-month extension, and our States are stopping.

On Tuesday, the general contractors told us that in 25 States they have